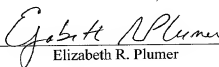


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the Preliminary Amendment as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 6, 8, 11-14, 18-20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29-32, 34-40, 42-46, 48-52, 54-57, and 59-62 before calculating the filing fee.

Please amend claims 7 and 9 before calculating the filing fee as follows:

7. (Amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 4 [or 5], wherein the unique fragment encodes a peptide which is a fragment of a polypeptide having a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:23.

9. (Amended) An expression vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim[s] 1, [2 or 3,] operably linked to a promoter.

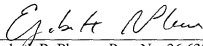
Remarks

Claims 6, 8, 11-14, 18-20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29-32, 34-40, 42-46, 48-52, 54-57, and 59-62 have been cancelled. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9, 10, 15-17, 21, 24, 27, 28, 33, 41, 47, 53 and 58 are currently pending.

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